

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Scotia-Glenville Central School was held in the Cafeteria of the Middle School, in said district on November 4, 2024.

President Talbot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Boucher Furnish, Orr, Roberts, Singh, H. Talbot, K. Talbot, Superintendent Swartz.

Absent: Carbone

MOVED by Boucher Furnish, SECONDED by Orr, that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session in order to discuss negotiations and a personnel matter.

### **ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Arket, Business Manager Giaquinto and District Clerk Busman were present for Open Session.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **HEARING/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

A number of community members addressed the Board with their concerns with athletics at Scotia-Glenville. Frustrations stemmed from communication, team support, number of athletes and general direction.

**PRESENTATION: ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (ALASTAIR AITCHISON, ARCHITECT – SEI DESIGN GROUP AND BEN MASLONA, FISCAL ADVISORS)** (This presentation is contained as Appendix A to these minutes).

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS (SUSAN M. SWARTZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS)**

Superintendent Swartz reviewed the progress in implementing a new Student Information System. Multiple committees were put together to review our current system, PowerSchool, but also to take a look at three different Student Information Systems available. With the conclusion of the committee's work, it looks as though a new Student Information System will be chosen with a proper rollout overlapping the two systems for a smooth transition.

We are going to use our ParentSquare platform to introduce a second layer called StudentSquare. This will be used as the primary means of communication with students who are in classrooms, clubs, athletics and other activities at Scotia-Glenville. It will replace people using their individual cell phones or emails to communicate. Parents and Students would receive the same information with the StudentSquare platform. Going forward for the winter sports season, all coaches will communicate using StudentSquare to keep athletes and their parents informed.

Superintendent Swartz wanted to congratulate the Varsity Cheerleaders in the Section II, Class B Championship. They will be moving forward to compete at States.

**REPORTS/UPDATE: LEGISLATIVE LIAISON ♦ PTA COUNCIL ♦ AUDIT COMMITTEE ♦ BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE ♦ BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS ♦ BUDGET**

Legislative Liaison – State Legislation has implemented an increase in fines for passing a stopped school bus with its lights flashing: \$250-\$400 first-time offender, \$600-\$750 second-time offender within three years, \$1500 third-time offender if within three years.

There was rumor that the new graduation requirements would be released today by the New York State Education Department, but Ms. Boucher Furnish had yet to receive anything.

New York State Education Department and New York State Mental Health Department sent out a letter informing districts that they have assistance for establishing a school-based mental health clinic for each district, and hopefully some grant monies available. They would also be providing training for mental health first aid for teachers and students.

PTA Council – Next PTA meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Founder's Day fliers will go out seeking nominations. The PTA has decided to bring Teen Town back to the Middle School.

Audit Committee – no report

Policy Committee – The goal is to have Policies 5000's well underway by the new year.

Board Goals – Mr. Talbot is still working to set dates for the forums.

Budget – First Fiscal Report is next on the agenda to review.

**ACCEPT FIRST FISCAL PROJECTION FOR 2024-2025**

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education accept the First Fiscal Projection for 2024-2025 with the supporting Revenue and Budget Status Reports and Summary Variance Analysis and Fund Balance Projection Report, as submitted. (These reports are contained as Appendix B to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**ACCEPT THE JUNE 2024 EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY REPORT**

MOVED by Orr, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education accept the June 2024 Extraclassroom Activity Report (ECAAF), as submitted. (This report is contained as Appendix C to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVE CONTRACT FOR 2024-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Singh, that the Board of Education approve the Owner/Architect Agreement for 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Project – SEI Design Group Architects, D.P.C., as submitted. (This report is contained as Appendix D to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**REQUEST TO ESTABLISH THE GLENDAL HOMEWORK CLUB**

MOVED by Roberts, SECONDED by Boucher Furnish, that the Board of Education approve the request to establish the Glendaal Homework Club, as submitted. (This request is contained as Appendix E to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Boucher Furnish, SECONDED by K. Talbot, that the Board of Education approve the following:

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPT THE MARY MORAN-RAYMOND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Approve the Resolution, dated October 28, 2024, regarding acceptance of the Mary Moran-Raymond Memorial Scholarship, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix F to these minutes).

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPT GIFT AND DONATION FROM LOWE'S HEROES PROJECT**

Approve the Resolution, dated October 28, 2024, regarding accepting and appropriating a donation from Lowe's Heroes Project in the amount of \$2,500 to Lincoln Elementary for assorted supplies, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix G to these minutes).

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPT GIFT AND DONATION OF A 16" SCHERL & ROTH REPLICA ANTONIUS STRADIVARIUS VIOLA**

Approve the Resolution, dated October 29, 2024, regarding accepting and appropriating a donation from Jackie Borne in care of Joe Bennett, of a 16" Scherl & Roth replica Antonius Stradivarius Viola outfitted with bow and case, with an value of \$1,099.00, as submitted. (This resolution is contained as Appendix H to these minutes).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education approve/accept the following:

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Accept the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Lindsay Seager, Psychologist (Sacandaga Elementary), effective October 18, 2024 through December 18, 2024.
- b. Accept the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Holly Zarrelli, Speech Language Pathologist (Senior High School), effective October 30, 2024 through April 9, 2025.
- c. Accept the letter of resignation of Regina Hill, Teaching Assistant (Middle School), effective c.o.b. October 31, 2024, we appreciation for her service to the district, as submitted. (This resignation is contained as Appendix I to these minutes).

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**a. Staffing**

- 1) Approve three days for Lilianna Matala (Math Teacher – Senior High School) prior to her official appointment on or about December 6, 2024 for shadowing purposes, at her 2024-2025 daily rate.
- 2) Approve the appointment of John Steve as Monitor (Glen-Worden Elementary), in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective November 5, 2024 through June 26, 2025, with 2024-2025 salary to be at the rate of \$15.00/hour, 2.75 hours/day, 13.75 hours per week.
- 3) Approve the provisional appointment of Victoria Munday as Account Clerk Typist and Extraclassroom Account Funds Treasurer (Senior High School), in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, effective November 15, 2024, with 2024-2025 salary to be at the rate of \$17.75/hour, 8 hours/day, 10 month, plus 5 summer days.
- 4) Approve the following mentoring supplemental appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Karen Levandowski	\$250
Sean O'Brien	\$250

- 5) Approve the following Middle School supplemental appointments for collateral duties for 2024-2025 school year:

NJHS	Amanda Kuhn	\$301.17 stipend
NJHS	Stephanie St. Pierre	\$301.17 stipend

- 6) Approve the 2024 PSAT Exam stipends for the individuals on the attached list, as submitted. (This list is contained as Appendix J to these minutes).
- 7) Approve the following individuals as Volunteer Helpers for the Sacandaga Elementary Drama Club:

Michael Camello	Leah Egnor	Emily Landona*
Kristen Lawless*	Amy Marlette	Victoria Munday*
Melissa Peterson	Jessica Serrano	Shana Stage
Heather Swiecicki	Marie Tomeck*	

- 8) Approve Lou Powell as a Middle School Intramural Coach for 2024-2025 at the rate of \$23.02/hour.

9) Approve the following 2024-2025 winter coaching appointment:

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Varsity Volunteer                      Megan Farrell                      Step 0                      -0-

10) Approve the following individuals as Athletic Contest Chaperones for 2024-2025, at the contractual rate of pay:

Cathy Conroy                      Andrea DeMento                      Lou Powell

11) Approve the updated hours on the attached list of Bus Drivers, effective November 11, 2024, with no change in hourly rate, as submitted. (This list is contained as Appendix K to these minutes).

12) Approve Gary Allen from Substitute Bus Driver to Contract Bus Driver (Transportation), effective November 11, 2024, for 5 hours/day at the 2024-2025 salary rate of \$25.31/hour.

13) Approve the attached list of substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted. (This list is contained as Appendix L to these minutes).

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**a. Placements of Children with Disabilities**

Accept the Placement of Children with Disabilities as recommended by the Committee on Special Education and the committee on Pre-school Special Education in their reports dated November 4, 2024.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Singh, SECONDED by Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the following minutes:

**b. Minutes:                      Regular Meeting 10/28/2024**

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Roberts questioned whether the State spoke about removing someone's license if they continued to illegally pass a stopped school bus. Ms. Boucher Furnish said the legislation was just to raise the fines. Mr. Giaquinto added that law enforcement cannot identify the driver, but they can identify the car, so the violation is tagged to the registration of that car.

Ms. Boucher Furnish congratulated all award recipients from this evenings High School Undergraduate Awards.

Ms. Boucher Furnish congratulated the participants in the High School drama production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)".

**HEARING/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

A community member was concerned the Middle School was being used as a poling sight for the upcoming vote while still in session.

A number of community members spoke about their concerns with communication with the District about Advance Placement Process in sports, coaching appointments and sports in general.

MOVED by K. Talbot, SECONDED by Boucher Furnish, that the meeting be adjourned.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Jill Busman, District Clerk